(b) and (c) Besides the number of fast passenger trains already introduced, one other train in the immediate future being considered for introduction is the Jammu Tawi Kanyakumari Weekly Express whichi s expected to be inaugurated very shortly.

Admission to Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences Wardha

1665. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the process of admission to Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sewagram, Wardha;

(b) what is the percentage of students from wardha and other places in Maharashtra who got admitted during the last three years; and

(c) what is the percentage of aid given by the Central Government to the Institute?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) As per prospectus for admission to the MBBS Course for 1984-85 of the Institute, there are 63 seats for admission in the MBBS Course. Out of these, 8 seats are filled by nomination of candidates by the Government of India, Government of Maharashtra and the Kasturba Health Society. Rest of the seats are filled through open competitive examination on all India basis. The distribution of seats for admission for 1984-85 in the Institute will be as follows:—

1. *Nominations*:—

(a) Government of India ..4

(b) Government of Maharahtra.. 2

(c) Kasturba Health Society 2

2. *Open Competition*

(a) *Maharashtra*

(i) S. C. 4

(ii) S. T. Denotified & Nomadic Tribes 2

(iii) Rural Areas 6

(iv) Others 15

(b) Non-Maharashtra

(i) S. C 4

(ii) S. T. Denotified & Nomadic Tribes

(iii) Rural Areas 6

(iv) Others 16

(b) The information is not readily available.

(c) The Government of India bears 50 per cent of the annual recurring expenditure on the Institute.

Doubts regarding safety measures in respect of Metro Railways, Calcutta

1666. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some experts had raised doubts about the safety measures taken in respect of the Metro Railways, Calcutta before its start on July 1, 1984; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Some experts from Paris Underground Railway System as well as from the London Underground Railway System, U.K. had visited the Metro Railway and the Circular Railway at Calcutta towards the end of February 1984. They had not raised any doubts about the safety measures taken in respect of the Metro Railway Calcutta by any date.

(b) Does not arise.